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The claims are 5 and 7-12. Claims 7, 8, 11 and 12 have been amended to improve their form. The specification has also been amended to clarify the meaning of the alloys sold under the trademark MONEL, and to correct a clerical error in the recitation of --palladium--. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

The disclosure was objected to because of the terms "Monel" and "panadium" on page 5, line 8, which the Examiner requested that the Applicants clarify as to what these terms mean. In response, Applicants have amended the specification to clarify that MONEL refers to nickel based alloys and to correct the word panadium to --palladium--. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection to the disclosure, and Applicants respectfully request that the objection on that basis be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 8, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. In response, Applicants have amended claims 7, 8, 11 and 12 to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that all currently pending claims fully

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comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and Applicants
respectfully request that the Examiner's rejection on this basis
be withdrawn.

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As the Examiner has indicated that claims 5 and 9-10 are allowed, and that claims 7, 8 and 11-12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action, which have been corrected by the Amendment herein, it is respectfully submitted that the case is now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 7, 8, 11 and 12 have been amended, along with the specification. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted
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